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SUBJECT: AIR MAURITANIA F-27 PURCHASE--AIR INTERCONTINENTAL

REF: STATE 246372, NOUAKCHOTT 1188

ACTION REQUESTED: PASS FOLLOWING TO AIR INTERCONTINENTAL:

1. AIR MAURITANIA (AM) PRESIDENT OULD AMAR CONFIRMS DOLLAR 20 THOUSAND DOWN-PAYMENT TRANSFERRED 11 DECEMBER VIA PARIS TO BANKER'S TRUST FOR FNCB NEW YORK. OULD AMAR RECONFIRMED ABOVE WITH GOCAG BANK DECEMBER 15, BUT WILL RECHECK TODAY. FYI: TRANSFERS FROM WEST AFRICA *O US, IN OUR EXPERIENCE, SELDOM EFFECTED IN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS DUE NECESSITY PASS ALL PAP RS THROUGH PARIS BANKS. END FYI.

2. RE AM DIRGEN OULD ZEIN TRAVEL TO US:IOULDIAMAR RECONFIRMS PLAN VISIT CALIFORNIA AND WASHINGTON BEGINNING FIRST WEEK JANUARY. WILL GIVE EXACT DATES BEFORE END DECEMBER.

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3. IN OUR OPINION, THERE NO REASON FOR AIR INTERCONTINENTAL ANXIETY. WE CONTINUE FOLLOW AIRCRAFT DEAL CLOSEGY AND ARE IN DAILY CONTACT WITH OULD AMAR AND OTHER AM-CIVIL AIR OFFICIALS HERE. SHOULD DIFFICULTIES ARISE, WE WILL INFORM AIR INTERCONTINENTAL AND WORK TO IRON OUT SOLUTIONS FROM THIS END. SHURTLEFF

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